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TRIP REPORT - BIKINI ATOLL, MAY 1986

Major Participants:

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Purpose

To orient Congressional staff as to DOE/BARC work at Bikini. To exchange ideas on future of DOE/BARC effort.

Results

Extensive on site briefings and observations were conducted, focusing on Eneu, Bikini, Nam and Aomon Islands with a trip to BRAVO crater.

At the request of the Bikinians, a meeting was held aboard ship on May 28. Some key points:

1. Congressional staff and DOI expressed desire that DOE continue program at Bikini to wrap up experiments to lead to decisions on cleanup.
2. I advised that while DOE had funds for MI programs in the FY 87 request, we were awaiting action by an interagency group to affirm whether or not DOE would be asked to continue in some capacity.


DOI (Kitty Baier) said that after discussions with OMB, there probably would not be an interagency group making these decisions.

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Congress staff seemed intent on providing funds directly to DOE and asked if the Secretary "would refuse to spend our 87 money when appropriated without administration direction".

* I advised that we were looking for direction through appropriation language which would be accepted by OMB.

3. Congressional staff indicated their intent that the Bikini program continue in FY 87 and asking that the 88 submission also include at least the Bikini program.
4. Admin takes position that they will not seek funds for Congressional "add ons" over and above Compact. If Congress wants - they fund.
5. Remains to be seen what they do appropriate in 88, assuming FY 87 indeed is funded.
6. Wels gall views the completion of DOE/BARC program as an integral part of his lawsuit settlement, and made it clear that while a resumption of the suit was not his desire, he was most hopeful that the scientific continue for the next 2 years or so to get hard information on which to base a resettlement plan.
7. Per 6/2 phonecon, would like to get together, at least by phone, for discussions and HQ guidance. My recommendation for the Interim is that if Congress expresses intent to fund DOE for MIP in 87 and if OMB et al do not object, we plan to continue, at least for next year. Clearly, in light of budget reductions, any appropriation language for Weapons Program should contain explicit MIP language.


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